

**Illinois Commission on the Elimination of Poverty  
Quarterly Meeting June 16, 2014  
James R. Thompson Center 16-100 and  
Springfield DHS Secretary Conference Room via Teleconference**

**Attendees:** Kimberly Drew, LaTonya Lumpkin, Grace Hong Duffin, Tony Lowery, Michael Holmes, Al Riddley, Mike Jones, Dan Schwick, Edna Navarro-Vidaurre, Ashley Lapse, Sodiqa Williams, Wendy Pollack, Onie Riley, Samantha Tuttle, Gayle Nelson

**Welcome and Introductions**

Dan Schwick welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. There was then a round of introductions.

**Review of Minutes**

The minutes from the previous commission were reviewed and unanimously agreed upon. Wendy Pollack noted that she was missing from the list of attendees.

**2015 Working Group Report- Strategic Planning**

Kim recapped the meeting. She reported that the group is working to create a strategic plan. The working group decided it would be good to have a planning retreat during the summer. The meeting will be held on July 31<sup>st</sup> in Champaign. She asked everyone to save the date.

**Annual Report and Public Hearings Planning**

Kim led the group in a discussion about the annual report and public hearings. She shared that September is when the Commission will release their annual report. In past years the Commission held public hearings and listening sessions around the state. Those were recorded by a former intern at Heartland Alliance. Kim said it would be great to find another person to record this year. Al Riddley said he can talk with someone he knows.

The group then brainstormed possible locations of public hearings and listening sessions. Chicago, Springfield, Collinsville, and Danville were all suggested. Kim suggested we look into a new location. Possibilities included: Lawrence, Kankakee, Wayne, Decatur, Stevenson, and Peoria – all counties on Social IMPACT Research Center’s County Well Being Warning List. Al Riddley suggested Kankakee, as he has contacts there and could help. Mike Jones said he has contacts in Decatur and could assist with that. Wendy Pollack suggested hosting one in the south suburbs of Chicago. Sam from Heartland Alliance said Representative Flowers showed interest in hosting a look back hearing to review programs that have and have not worked. Mike Jones suggested having a hearing in the southern part of the state, and thinks Decatur would be good. Everyone agreed to keep Chicago as a location. The group ultimately decided on having public hearings in Kankakee and Decatur and listening sessions in Peoria and south Chicago.

**Legislative Session Wrap-up**

Sam from Heartland Alliance updated the group on the legislative session. She reported that one of the big accomplishments was getting the advisory question about minimum wage on the November ballot. Another major accomplishment was getting the secure choice savings program bill passed in the Senate.

Sam shared that earned sick time did not pass. The Medicaid omnibus bill was signed, which provided restorations to the SMART Act. The effort to get a question on the ballot regarding a fair tax constitutional amendment failed to meet the necessary deadlines.. A bill also passed that requires employers who pay their employees with payroll cards follow more guidelines to ensure that workers can access their pay without fees or fines.

### **Budget Update**

Sam reported the General Assembly passed a flat budget, which included interfund borrowing. This is 1 time borrowing.

### **Adjournment**

Dan Schwick thanked everyone for attending and concluded the meeting until September 22nd. He also reminded Commissioners that the public hearings and listening sessions would be scheduled for August and that details would be sent out as soon as they are scheduled.